

REUSE

There are many ways you can "reuse" to help our environment! You can help reduce waste by selling items you don't need, repairing items or donating to charities or non-profit organizations. Many products can be used again, either for the same purpose or for a different purpose. Reuse saves money, energy and resources because the items do not need to be reprocessed before they can be used again.

Reuse.....is a simple idea: "One person's trash is another person's treasure."

Reuse.....saves money, energy, resources, and landfill space.

Reuse.....is a simple act that anyone can do.

Many of the items you don't want or need anymore may be of use to someone else. For another way to recycle and reduce waste, the EBRP Recycling Office encourages you to join the <u>Red Stick Freecycle Network</u> (RSFN) of Greater Baton Rouge, where one person's trash is another's treasure!

Whether you're looking to offer or acquire an item, RSFN is the place to do it...furniture, clothes, appliances, computers, toys, a pile of dirt, plants, and all things in between. The goal of this Freecycle group is to reduce waste by connecting people who would otherwise throw away unwanted items with others seeking those same items.

No item is too big or too small; but since this is a FREEcycle list, ALL items must be 100% free." Go to RedStickFree.com for more information and how to join.

Reuse Ideas!

- Bring your own bags to the store.
- Sell or donate items you don't need.
- Use cloth napkins or towels.
- Buy refillable containers.
- Use durable, reusable picnic items instead of throwaway.
- Purchase refillable pens and pencils.
- Maintain and repair durable products.
- · Reuse jars, containers and boxes.
- Try to borrow an item instead of buying it.
- Use durable coffee mugs.
- · Refill bottles.
- Donate books, magazines, household items and surplus equipment.

Listed below are a few of the organizations that accept used items. Please call first for information on donations. Donations to non-profit organizations may be tax deductible.

Salvation Army - 355-4483

Society of St. Vincent de Paul — 383-7837

Volunteers of America — 387-0061

Myriam's House Closet -346-0094

Habitat for Humanity ReStore — 355-1895

Here Today and Gone Tomorrow -769-2259

East Baton Rouge Parish Library — 231-3750

Paralyzed Veterans of America – 272-9955

Other organizations, such as church-affiliated groups, and retail businesses may be found in your local directory.